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SUBJECT: CHINA PLEASED WITH SESAI COMMENTS ON INDO-SOVIET
RELATIONS

1. CHINA APPEARS UNDERSTANDABLY PLEASED WITH RECENT PRESS
CONFERENCE STATEMENTS MADE BY INDIA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER
MORARJI DESAI INDICATING A LESSENING OF INDIAN RELIANCE
ON THE SOVIET UNION. A REPORT ON THE PRESS CONFERENCE,
CARRIED BY THE OFFICIAL NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY (NCNA),
MARCH 25 INCLUDED SUCH DESAI COMMENTS AS, "WE WON'T
ALLOW OUR RELATIONS WITH ONE COUNTRY TO COME IN THE WAY
OF RELATIONS WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY" AND "IF THE INDO-
SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY INVOLVES ANY WANT OF FREINDSHIP
WITH OTHERS THEN IT WILL HAVE TO CHANGE". THIS CONTRASTS
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WITH NCNA'S BLAST AT THE CONGRESS PARTY THREE DAYS
EARLIER, WHICH NOTED THAT THE "FASCIST SUPPRESSION"
OF MRS GANDHI'S GOVERNMENT HAD ENDED "IN A FIASCO".

2. COMMENT: DESPITE PRC PLEASURE OVER INDIA'S
APPARENT MOVE AWAY FROM ITS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH
MOSCOW, CHINA CONTINUES TO TILT TOWARDS INDIA'S

NEIGHBORS, AND AS RECENTLY AS MARCH 8 INDICATED HER
CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR BANGLADESH IN THE LATTER'S
WATER RIGHTS DISPUTE WITH INDIA. ADDITIONALLY, A
CHINESE MILITARY FRIENDSHIP DELEGATION VISITED SRI
LANKA LAST MONTH, AND ANOTHER IS CURRENTLY VISITING
PAKISTAN. SOME INCREASED MILITARY COOPERATION
BETWEEN CHINA AND PAKISTAN MAY RESULT FROM THE LATTER
TRIP.
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